

REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-51 are amended and new claims 52-58 are added.

Entry of the above-amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application. The above application corresponds to an application originally filed in Japanese. The above amendment revises the application as translated into English to be in a format more closely corresponding to that customarily employed in US patent practice, to eliminate multiple dependent claims, and add new claims corresponding to some of the subject matter deleted from formerly multiple dependent claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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